

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/064,797

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09-09-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-8,11,12 and renumbered as 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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1. **Status:** Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted 09-09-2005, under amendments and reconsideration, which, have been placed of record in the file. Claims 1,2,5-8,11,12 are pending in this office action. Claims 3,4,9,10 are cancelled.

Response to Amendment

2. The Applicant's has amended independent claims 1, 7 as per objected claims 4,10 respectively and cancelled the claims 3,4,9,10. This amended claims, overcomes prior art rejection, which puts application number 10064797 in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1,2,5-8,11,12 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A stylus retaining and releasing mechanism suitable for use within a housing that can receive a stylus having a retaining slot formed thereon, wherein the housing has a cavity into which the stylus can be slidably inserted, the stylus retaining and releasing mechanism comprising: a stylus-releasing device, wherein the stylus-releasing device is arranged at a location of the housing that terminates the cavity so that, in a first stage of operation, the stylus-releasing device can store resilient force in a stable configuration after the stylus being inserted in the cavity presses on the stylus-releasing device to engage into the first

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stable configuration, and in a second stage of operation, the stylus-releasing device can exert a resilient force on the stylus being held immobile in the cavity to eject the stylus out of the cavity after a short pressing action is applied on the inserted stylus to disengage the stylus-releasing device from the stable configuration; and a retainer, wherein the retainer is arranged adjacent to the cavity so that the retainer can resiliently deviate when contacted with the stylus being inserted in the cavity, the retainer further includes a protruding clamping member that inserts in the retaining slot of the stylus to hold and immobilize the stylus in the cavity once the inserted stylus engages the stylus-releasing device in the stable configuration and wherein the stylus retaining and releasing mechanism further comprises an impeding member made of a material with relatively high friction coefficient, which is so arranged to be in contact with the stylus in the cavity to moderate the ejection of the stylus.

The cited references on 892's fails to anticipate individually as well as render obviousness individually or in combination above bold underlined recited claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prabodh M Dharia whose telephone number is 571-272-7668.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM to 5PM.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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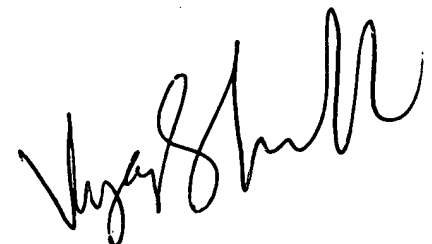
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